

# *Environmental Health Foundation of Canada*

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## **EHFC Eighth Annual Report** for the **Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors** Annual General Meeting **April 29, 1997**

On behalf of the Environmental Health Foundation of Canada (E.H.F.C.) I am pleased to present this report to the members of the C.I.P.H.I. The 8th annual meeting of the Foundation was held on **July 2, 1996** during the C.I.P.H.I. conference in **Chicago**.

Since the last AGM the Board of Trustees regretfully accepted the resignation of Mr. Dean Sargeant as Secretary of the Foundation. Dean is one of the founding members of the Foundation which was inaugurated in 1989. Over the last few years three other founding members (Mr. Doug Terry, Mr. Tom Gable, and Dr. Franklin White) have officially resigned from the Board. During one of our tele-conference meetings approval was given by the Board of Trustees to honour the contribution and time given to the Foundation by those who have left the Board by issuing a recognition award.

I am pleased to announce our newly appointed members since the last AGM. Mr. Keith Smith, a public health inspector from Saskatchewan, Mr. Pat Murray, a public health inspector from Newfoundland and also the Branch President representative of the C.I.P.H.I. and; Mr. Bryan Walton, an industry representative from the Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors.

The officers of the Foundation Board of Trustees currently are as follows:

*Chair — Klaus Seeger*  
*Secretary — Peter Rogers*

*Vice-Chair — Tim Roark*  
*Treasurer — Charlie Young*

*Note: Dean Sargeant was Secretary up to December 1, 1996. The Board of Trustees regretfully accepted the resignation at that time. Peter Rogers was subsequently appointed as Secretary.*

A summary of the progress of activities of the EHFC since the last annual report follows.

### ***Food Safety Temperature Symbols***

There were no objections to our proposed temperature symbols advertised in the trademarks journal. This allowed us to proceed to the final stage to have our symbol trademarks become official. We have one year to develop and implement prototypes of the symbols as part of an education programme. Anyone who wishes to participate in the implementation of a strategy for using our food safety temperature symbols please contact me at 1-519-482-3416 (Email kseeger@hurontel.on.ca) or Tim Roark at 604-466-7200 (Email TDROARK@BCSC02.GOV.BC.CA) as soon as possible. The public awareness programme on what the food safety temperature symbols mean will not only increase awareness, but also raise the profile of our profession. A copy of the temperature symbols as they appeared in the trademarks journal is attached to this report.

### ***Aboriginal Student Sponsorship— Environmental Health Programme***

Since the Foundation's first major project has concluded successfully, the Foundation is exploring different strategies to continue in sponsoring aboriginal students or programmes. Keith Smith, is now a CPHI (C) and has been appointed as a Trustee on the Foundation Board. Keith is now directly involved in this project, from a different perspective, to determine which directions we should be taking. He has been promoting our profession and the Foundation at some of the First Nation's secondary and post secondary schools. Participation by funding sponsorship, the development or implementing different strategies is welcome and greatly appreciated.

***"Septic System Maintenance Pure & Simple" Video and Education Programme***

The Foundation acquired the copyrights for a video educational package from the Central Fraser Valley Union Board of Health for distribution across Canada. Our vice-Chair Tim Roark and Treasurer Charlie Young were instrumental in the development of the package. The C.I.P.H.I. NEC as a partner has also agreed to participate in the promotion and distribution of this excellent programme. The package includes the video, a pamphlet which provides advice, in easy to understand language, how to maintain a private sewage disposal system; a large poster for promotional purposes; and transparencies accompany the video to enhance any presentation which is given to various groups. The components of this package are applicable for the home owner, and agencies who work in the programme and wish to provide seminars on the subject.

In the video, TV personality John Barton takes viewers through the inner workings of a conventional septic tank and gravity flow tile bed. Mr. Barton discusses basic maintenance activities to prevent problems; what can go wrong and what tell tale signs to look for if regular maintenance does not occur.

***EHFC WEB Page***

The Foundation Board of Trustees approved a motion to participate in the C.I.P.H.I. initiative in developing an Institute WEB page on the internet. The EHFC will be a link to the main page and will include descriptions of the Foundation; our projects and how to participate, and links to other environmental health links. It is our expectation that with a more 'worldly exposure' the Foundation's projects and activities will receive continued support in both a financial and participatory form.

***Bob Herbison Bursary***

Donations to the *Bob Herbison Bursary* continue to be received. Recently the Chief EHOs in B.C. contributed approximately \$1270 to the bursary on behalf of Mike Harnadek who had passed away.

Should other Branches wish to start a similar bursary, to honour the memory of public health inspectors who are exemplified by their contribution to their profession, please contact the Foundation for suggested guidelines and criteria. All donations are tax deductible when funds are received through the EHFC. The donation request to the *Bob Herbison Bursary* is not limited to the B.C.I.T. alumni and an invitation is extended to everyone.

***Donations to the EHFC***

Funds for the operation of projects may be donated, bequests made, given as a gift, or provided through a trust or an inheritance. Donations can also be directed for specified projects. All monies received are tax deductible and an official receipt will be issued. ***Our charitable organization registration number is 0884387-19. Please send your donation of \$50, \$70, \$100 or more to support projects of the Environmental Health Foundation of Canada to P.O. Box 5367, Station F, Ottawa, Ontario K2C 3J1.***

***EHFC Board of Trustees***

The members of the Board of Trustees for 1997-98 are: in alphabetical order

Dr. Gerry Bonham	Mr. Klaus Seeger (Chair)
Mr. Bruce Fortin	Mr. Keith Smith
Mr. Michael Reid	Mr. Bryan Walton
Mr. Tim Roark (Vice-Chair)	Mr. Charles Young (Treasurer)
Mr. Peter Rogers (Secretary)	

If you are interested in becoming a committee member or Foundation Trustee on the Board, please contact Tim Roark or myself. Please refer to the EHFC pamphlet for further information about the Foundation.

Respectfully Submitted,

***Original signed***

Klaus Seeger  
Chair